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1. MONTGOMERY WARD'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISASSOCIATION WITH CHARLES ROGERS HAS YET TO APPEAR IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. FOLLOWING ARTICLES FROM LOCAL PRESS UNDERLINE NECESSITY THAT MONTGOMERY WARD ACT PROMPTLY TO COUNTER THE UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY THIS AFFAIR IS GENERATING LOCALLY:

(A) LE MATIN, JULY 17: "THE REPRESENTATIVE OF MONTGOMERY WARD IS REQUESTED TO CALL AT THE NEWSPAPER LE MATIN ON A MATTER CONCERNING HIM."

(B) LE MATIN, JULY 20; "YESTERDAY WE RECEIVED A VISIT FROM THE HONEST CITIZEN RODOLPHE PEREZ. HE TOLD US OF HIS FRUSTRATIONS WITH THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN COMPANY MONTGOMERY WARD. HE TOLD US THAT DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL HE WENT TO THEIR OFFICE AT LALUE NEAR THE EXPRESS MARKET. HE PAID A SUM OF 30 DOLLARS FOR AN ORDER. A RECEIPT WAS GIVEN HIM BY MELLE. DESTOUCHES WHO HAD BY HER SIDE A MME. CHALMERS. THE ORDER WAS EXPECTED ON MAY 4; HOWEVER, SINCE THAT DATE, LIKE SISTER ANNE, HE HAS WAITED IN VAIN. HE WAS AT THE NEW ADDRESS AT RUE DU MAGASIN DE L'ETAT (ACROSS FROM THE LA COURONNE BAR). THE OFFICE HAD BEEN MOVED. NO ONE CAN PUT THEIR HANDS ON THEM, THEY ARE INVISIBLE. WE CONDEMN

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THE ACTIONS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MONTGOMERY WARD IN

HAITI. WE WILL SAY ONLY THAT TODAY AND WILL CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE, SINCE THIS IS THE THIRD COMPLAINT CHARGING BREACH OF TRUST THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED."

(C) LE MATIN, JULY 21: "IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF MONTGOMERY WARD HAVE GIVEN WORTHLESS CHECKS TO SEVERAL PERSONS. THE HAITIAN EMPLOYEES OF THIS COMPANY SHOULD CALM THE FEARS OF THESE PERSONS WHO, FACED WITH FRUSTRATION AND DECEIT, COMPLAIN BITTERLY AND THREATEN TO FILE A COMPLAINT CHARGING BREACH OF TRUST."

2. COMMERCE MAY WISH TO BRING THE FOREGOING TO THE ATTENTION OF MONTGOMERY WARD. MONTGOMERY WARD SHOULD BE URGED TO ACT PROMPTLY AND PUBLICIZE LOCALLY ITS DISSOCIATION FROM ROGERS.

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